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For years now various envious business leaders have been trying to convince government that Microsoft and Bill Gates are demons. I know that Scott McNealy

and Larry Ellison and Steve Case are more charismatic and come across as nice guys but, in my opinion, they are simply very hard nosed and egotistical

business men. The reason that Microsoft has cornered the market on operating systems has to do with great marketing more than it does nasty business practices. Everyone knows that Apple had a better system so why didn't they prevail? I'll tell you why - lousy marketing. The same exact thing

happened when the VHS standard beat out the Beta standard for VCR's. Beta was much better but they lost out. And the other key reason that Microsoft has done so well is because they established sorely needed STANDARDS. Any company that establishes needed standards will have an advantage. Even though IBM had a very competitive operating system, nobody was interested. Why? Partly because IBM was out of style at that time. But also because the last thing we need in business is another complicated piece of software to integrate - who needs it?

How can you hammer away at Microsoft when any number of other companies enjoy a huge market share in their product line? Please, let's move on to things

that are really important to people. I would love to see the AG in Massachusetts

spend his efforts making sure that the executives at Polaroid do not squander

my pension fund - something that thousands of us desperately need to stay healthy.

This AG is really using his office to run for Governor - just like the previous AG did.

Microsoft has done the country and the world a huge service and should not be raked over the coals for being better at the software business and their rivals.

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